

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A signal switching apparatus comprising:
a plurality of ~~mix~~ buses, each of said buses assigned a number;
~~a plurality of checking signal generating devices that generate checking signals different~~
~~from each other; and~~
a first checking signal generating device that generates first checking signals used for
checking a left channel output path;
a second checking signal generating device that generates second checking signals used for
checking a right channel output path, the first checking signals and the second checking signals
different from each other; and
a checking signal input device that causes ~~the checking signals generated by said~~
~~plurality of checking signal generating devices to be selectively input to respective desired buses on~~
~~the mix bus~~ the first checking signals to be input to buses based on their respective odd numbered
assignment and causes the second checking signals to be input to buses based on their respective
even numbered assignment
an input signal input device that causes ~~an input signal to be input to any selected bus of said~~
~~mix buses.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): A signal switching apparatus according to claim 1,
~~wherein the plurality of buses are grouped into a plurality of groups~~ further comprising:

a selecting device that selects both the first checking signals and the second checking signals
or only the first checking signals as checking signals to be input to said buses, and

a controlling device that controls said checking signal input device so as to cause the first
checking signals to be input to the buses assigned respectively odd numbers and the second
checking signals to be input to the buses assigned respectively even numbers if said selecting device
selects both the first checking signals and the second checking signals, and cause the first checking
signals to be input to all of said plurality of buses if said selecting device selects only the first
checking signals.

Claims 3-5 (canceled)